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REMARKS

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SOURCE [REDACTED]

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1. On 29 August 1950 12 jet fighters with swept-back wings were parked at the Oranienburg (N 53/Z 67) airfield. (1) There was no flying or military activity between noon and 7:30 p.m.
2. Large wooden crates were being unloaded from eight railroad flatcars standing on the spur track at the field. (2) Each crate was about 3x9 to 10 meters and had a bulge on the front side. They were stored on a temporary wooden ramp. One crate was opened at the straight side and the rudder assembly of a jet fighter with swept-back wings was identified. Six to eight such crates arrived at the field daily after 21 August 1950.
3. Searchlights were in position or being erected on each end of the long runway. (3) A new truck without a number and with conspicuous plexiglass panes was covered with a tarpaulin and standing near the three searchlights at the southern end of the runway. The searchlights were 30 meters apart and fitted on poles 70 cm high. Two wooden sheds under construction also belonged to the searchlight station. The searchlights on the northern end of the runway were about 25 cm in diameter and from 25 cm to 1.8 meter above the ground.
4. One-man holes, about 80 cm in diameter with slanting sides, had been dug out around the field. They were probably to be used for defense.
5. On the afternoon of 31 August 1950 12 jet fighters with swept-back wings and covered with tarpaulins were parked in front of the hangars. Four other planes of the same type but without camouflaged cover, were on the southeastern edge of the field. One plane had the number 21 on its nose. Two of the last four aircraft made practice flights of about 20 minutes duration between 4 and 6 p.m. after the weather had cleared. There was no flying at the field between 6 and 11:30 p.m.

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6. Only a few windows of the air force barracks buildings northeast of the field were lighted at night. (4)

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[] Comments.

- (1) The occupation of the field by jet planes is known. It is also known that the field is occupied by one fighter regiment. A maximum of 24 jet planes was seen at the field in May 1950. []

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- (2) Another source observed seven aircraft crates on 24 August 1950.

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- [] It is believed that more jet planes were shipped to Oranienburg. The exact number of jet planes in Oranienburg has not been determined but is estimated to be about 35. The empty crates are probably used for the transportation of conventional fighters.
- (3) This is the first information that searchlights were erected. For sketch of airfield and arrangement of searchlights, see Annexes 1 and 2. The disposition of the searchlights indicates that they are probably used for lighting the direction of approach of aircraft.
- (4) For layout sketch of air force barracks buildings, see Annex 3. The barracks buildings are apparently very lightly occupied.

3 Annexes: 3 - sketches on ditto.

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